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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF SERVICE CONTRACT WORKERS."

- Strike subsection (b) of section 1 and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- "(b) Each awarding authority that enters into a service contract to be performed within this state shall be subject to the following obligations:
 - (1) The awarding authority shall give advance notice to a contractor and the exclusive bargaining representative of any of the contractor's employees, of the termination of such service contract and shall provide the contractor and the exclusive bargaining representative with the name, telephone number and address of the successor contractor or contractors, if known. The terminated contractor shall, not later than three days after receipt of such notice, provide the successor contractor with the name, date of hire and employment

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14 occupation classification of each person employed by the terminated 15 contractor at the site or sites covered by the service contract as of the 16 date the terminated contractor receives the notice of termination.

- (2) On the date the service contract terminates, the terminated contractor shall provide the successor contractor with updated information concerning the name, date of hire and employment occupation classification of each person employed by the terminated contractor at the site or sites covered by the service contract, to ensure that such information is current up to the actual date of service contract termination.
- (3) If the awarding authority fails to notify the terminated contractor of the identity of the successor contractor, as required by subdivision (1) of this subsection, the terminated contractor shall provide the information described in subdivision (2) of this subsection to the awarding authority not later than three days after receiving notice that the service contract will be terminated. The awarding authority shall be responsible for providing such information to the successor contractor as soon as the successor contractor has been selected.
- (4) (A) A successor contractor shall retain, for at least sixty days from the date of first performance of services under the successor service contract, all of the employees who were employed by the terminated contractor at the site or sites covered by the service contract.
- (B) The provisions of this section shall not apply: (i) If the Commissioner of Administrative Services or any awarding authority 39 has made a finding that the current contractor has been grossly negligent in performing any duty under such contract, or (ii) to any portion of a set-aside contract under the provisions of title 4a, 10, 17b or 18 of the general statutes.
- 43 (C) In the event the successor service contract is terminated prior to 44 the expiration of such sixty-day period, then any contractor awarded a 45 subsequent successor service contract shall be bound by the

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requirements set forth in this subsection to retain, for a new sixty-day period commencing with the onset of the subsequent successor service contract, all of the employees who were previously employed by any one or more of the terminated contractors at the site or sites covered by the service contract.

- (D) At least five days prior to the termination of a service contract, or at least fifteen days prior to the commencement of the first performance of service under a successor service contract, whichever is later, the successor contractor shall hand deliver a written offer of employment to each such employee in such employee's native language or any other language in which such employee is fluent and information concerning such employee's rights under the provisions of this section. Each offer of employment shall state the time within which such employee must accept such offer but in no case shall that time be less than ten days from the date of the offer of employment.
- (5) If at any time a successor contractor determines that fewer employees are required to perform the successor service contract than were required by the terminated contractor, the successor contractor shall be required to retain such employees by seniority within each job classification, based upon the employees' total length of service at the affected site or sites.
- (6) During such sixty-day period, the successor contractor shall maintain a preferential hiring list of employees eligible for retention pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection, who were not initially retained by the successor contractor, from which the successor contractor shall hire additional employees, if necessary.
- (7) Except as provided under subdivision (6) of this subsection, during such sixty-day period, the successor contractor shall not discharge without just cause an employee retained pursuant to this section. For purposes of this subdivision, "just cause" shall be determined solely by the performance or conduct of the particular employee. At the end of such sixty-day period, the successor

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contractor shall prepare a written performance evaluation for each employee retained pursuant to this section, and, if such employee's performance is satisfactory, offer such employee continued employment as may be consistent with titles 10 and 17b of the general statutes."